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Toc H members accept a four-fold commitment:

- 1 To build friendships across the barriers that divide man from man
- 2 To give personal service
- 3 To find their own convictions while always being willing to listen to the views of others
- 4 To work for the building of that better world which has been called the Kingdom of God.

This magazine, which acts as a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world in which we live, takes its title from the third of these Four Points—to think fairly.

On the Cover:

We are gratified and encouraged by the many examples of branches using the symbol of the Movement. An article about this new way is on page 157. An important announcement is made on page 143.

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VIEWPOINT

It's useless

I have just returned from a weekend at Alison House entitled 'Accent on Poetry', arranged by Keith Rea, Finance Secretary, and Edwin Harrison of Bakewell branch. I suppose there may be some who would question the use of Alison House for such a purpose. Shouldn't we have concerned ourselves with rather more serious issues? Isn't spending a weekend reading poetry rather like fiddling while Rome burns? In reply one can point out that a number of non-members were introduced to the Movement through their interest in poetry, but I have to admit that I went primarily because I happen to enjoy reading poetry aloud on the rare occasions when I can persuade anyone to listen.

And perhaps the real value of weekends such as this, or for that matter the art and music weeks at Dor Knap and Alison House, lies precisely in their uselessness. The message, perhaps, is that something doesn't have to be useful to be of value. In Toc H we are well aware of the danger of being so spiritual that we're no earthly use, but are, perhaps, in danger of going too far to the other extreme—of being so concerned with practical things as to forget the things of the spirit.

Of course we are committed to care for those in need, to fight for social justice, to help to build a more compassionate society. This is frequently stressed, and rightly so. But that's only part of the story. We claim to be concerned with the whole of life and this surely involves the attempt to deepen our awareness and appreciation of art and beauty, of what John Hull calls 'the glory'. Such things as painting and poetry and music ought to have a place in the life of the Movement. They can enlarge our understanding and broaden our horizons. They make their own particular contribution to the growth of the individual human being, which is what Toc H is all about.

The current debate over sponsored walks seems to be another case where we are in danger of becoming too earnest. No one disputes the need for taking every possible safety precaution, but a quite different argument has been put forward in some quarters. Walking, swimming, sitting in trees, knitting, playing non-stop table tennis and all the other money-raising gimmicks are trivial and pointless, the argument runs. We should instead be encouraging young people to do something really useful for the community. We should sponsor people to decorate rooms, or dig gardens, for the elderly, for instance. This seems to show a certain insensitivity towards those on whom we are thrusting help. We have always recognised, after all, that time spent chatting is a great deal more important than time spent hanging wallpaper.

Quite apart from this, things like sitting in trees or playing table tennis for hours on end, or even

sponsored walks, are 'a bit of a giggle'. And they are of value for that reason alone. If Toc H ever ceases to offer people 'a bit of a giggle' it will have lost something terribly important.

'Remember,' wrote Ruskin, 'that the most beautiful things in the world are the most useless; peacocks and lilies, for instance.' But simply because they are beautiful they are, though useless, of inestimable value. And so I hope that our poetry weekend at Alison House, as well as being enjoyable, was not entirely valueless.

K P-B

There it was **GONE!!!**

There will be no regular edition of *Point Three* in September. Instead the issue will become the Annual Report.

This is the only complete summary of the year's progress and activities and ought to be read and understood by every member.

If you know members who do not subscribe to *Point Three* magazine, this is your chance to persuade them of its importance.

Read the Annual Report

Write off

The editor's decision is final, but what happens at home?

From a calendar sent to the editorial office by a well (?)-wisher.

Our future three

The Councillor's Role

A weekend for Central Councillors was held at Dor Knap in March. The 12 men and women Councillors who attended included the young and the not so young and representatives from both town and country. Jack Weber gives a personal view of the weekend.

Were all the other 88 Councillors so busy, so far away, or so ill that the original intention of a country-wide exchange of ideas at Dor Knap, announced as long ago as the Central Council last year, had to go by default? Perhaps I was the more disappointed in that I have always believed that Councillors should be more involved in their vital function of governing Toc H than is permitted them mainly through one weekend meeting a year. It has been suggested that this function is virtually fulfilled by their election of an effective Central Executive, but this seems far too narrow an opinion. Views on ways to achieve greater involvement, supported by Councillors representing all Regions, might have given an authoritative lead to wider discussion culminating in practical propositions to put before the next Central Council.

1 The Central Councillor's Role

'At Council meetings the elected Councillor is not a delegate; he is not expected to do the bidding of men who have come to a decision beforehand. He is a representative who should know and bear in mind the varied opinions of members in his own neighbourhood, but he is expected to speak for himself and to vote according to his own judgement when he has listened to his fellow-Councillors.'

New ideas? No—from *The Toc H Signpost*, first produced over 20 years ago. We believe they apply no less to the present and future.

The good Central Councillor will want to be concerned with policy making, not with rubber stamping policy made elsewhere. He or she will be concerned with understanding and interpreting members' wishes and community needs as a basis for policy, and thereafter interpreting policy to members so that it becomes effective action, in which members participate or which they will support. The Councillor, being human, may fail, and in consequence may not be re-elected; therein lies the members' safeguard.

2 Summary of Central Executive Committee Meetings

Welcome for the decision to issue these summaries was unanimous. We felt that this would be of material help to Councillors in keeping track of and actively aiding developments between one Central Council and the next, and a very useful supplement to the Annual Report.

The point was made that the Central Executive hoped the communication would be a two-way one, and that Councillors would not hesitate to write to the Director when they felt they had a contribution to make. Also, when the newly constituted sub-committees of the CEC had formulated more precise plans, it was expected that small working groups would be set up, and Central Councillors should be able to give valuable help.

3 Spheres of operation

Specific areas where we thought Central Councillors could be particularly effective were:

(i) *Finance*: It should be a duty to make clear to the membership what money is wanted for.

(ii) *Training*: There is considerable scope for encouraging effective training sessions. There are always new lessons in social service to be learnt, and old ones to be re-learned.

(iii) *Districts*: It is the policy of Toc H to make the District the co-ordinating power on the ground. This cannot work unless District representatives are of a high calibre, and Councillors should encourage selection of the right type of individual.

4 Decentralisation and Regionalisation

Concern was expressed at the lack of information about what is intended. It was pointed out that there are no specific plans yet, but that the thinking behind the exploration is to involve membership in wider contexts of Toc H, with more effective contact between members and Regional staff teams. It is not the intention to 'put in another layer' between membership and the centre, but, for example, to bring Councillors into more active participation in the conduct of Regional affairs.

It was thought that while decentralisation on a Regional basis might be feasible in more urban areas, it is impossible in a widely scattered rural situation, where the Area remains the only practicable large membership unit.

It certainly seems, from our discussions, that the somewhat equivocal Area situation needs re-examination. (Having been a staunch supporter of the promoted District team and sceptical of any

retention of an Area superstructure, I must confess to a change of heart.)

5 Organisation of the Central Council Weekend

This was brought up by Gilbert Francis, who was anxious to have our views. The general pattern of the last Council is thought to have been very satisfactory. The free Friday evening, which enables Councillors from different Regions to exchange views informally, is of considerable value.

We felt, however, that the more formal business of the Council might be dealt with more expeditiously. The Report and Accounts are history; they are in the possession of Councillors who can, before the Council, seek explanations on points of detail requiring clarification, and they ought not to need more than a brief introduction by the Chairman. This would not prevent Councillors bringing up important points of principle or criticism, but the incentive would then come from the floor, and the platform would be concerned specifically only with dealing with such points. The Council's time is precious, and it is the future that is important.

The future would be embodied in policy statements and in specific motions put before the Council. The summaries of CEC meetings should help greatly in providing background to proposed future policy, but where specific motions come from the CEC which are not explained or fully explained in the summaries, a note of explanation should accompany Council papers to help discussion, and to avoid lengthy introduction at the Council itself.

Where motions are put forward by the membership, the proposer should similarly be invited to send an explanatory note of the background, to accompany Council papers. It is appreciated that this could only be an invitation without any question of compulsion.

The group discussions were thought to have been an excellent innovation, well worth repeating.

6 A Membership Movement

Bob Knight introduced the subject, on the basis that we should reconsider carefully the implications of the phrase. Whereas the stress in the past has been on trying to secure new members by involving strangers in branch activities and meetings, and seeking a measure of 'quick returns' in this established traditional method, should we not now consider placing greater stress on longer-term membership benefits which could accrue from extending activities such as projects? Good projects, periodically repeated, and the value of which becomes increasingly important to returning participants until they themselves see the need to become identified with Toc H as members, hold a longer-term promise of infusion of new and younger blood into Toc H.

The basis of Toc H as a membership Movement is as much a matter of faith as of fact. It means involving others with ourselves in service and the accompanying fellowship without placing extension as an objective in itself, but in the knowledge that if we really seek

the jobs which need doing, and organise them enthusiastically, energetically and efficiently, many of those who are drawn in to work with us will become, in time, of us.

We were very heartened by one case history, where a rural area had become semi-urban as the result of new housing development. There was a church and a pub but little else to make a community of a large number of newcomers. A few Toc H members moved in. At a meeting they organised to create a community interest in working together the chairman had a number of Associate forms available, and invited anyone who wished to do so to become an Associate. He stressed that there were no membership or financial obligations, and all that was entailed was readiness to be actively associated with Toc H in working locally. 50 became Associates. Today 25 of these are full members in that same community.

I have called this a personal view because, although I have used the collective 'we', I may not have expressed, as they would have done, the views of those with whom I was fortunate enough to share the weekend. I am sure, nonetheless, that they would join me in commending to all fellow Councillors meetings such as ours, from which only good can come.

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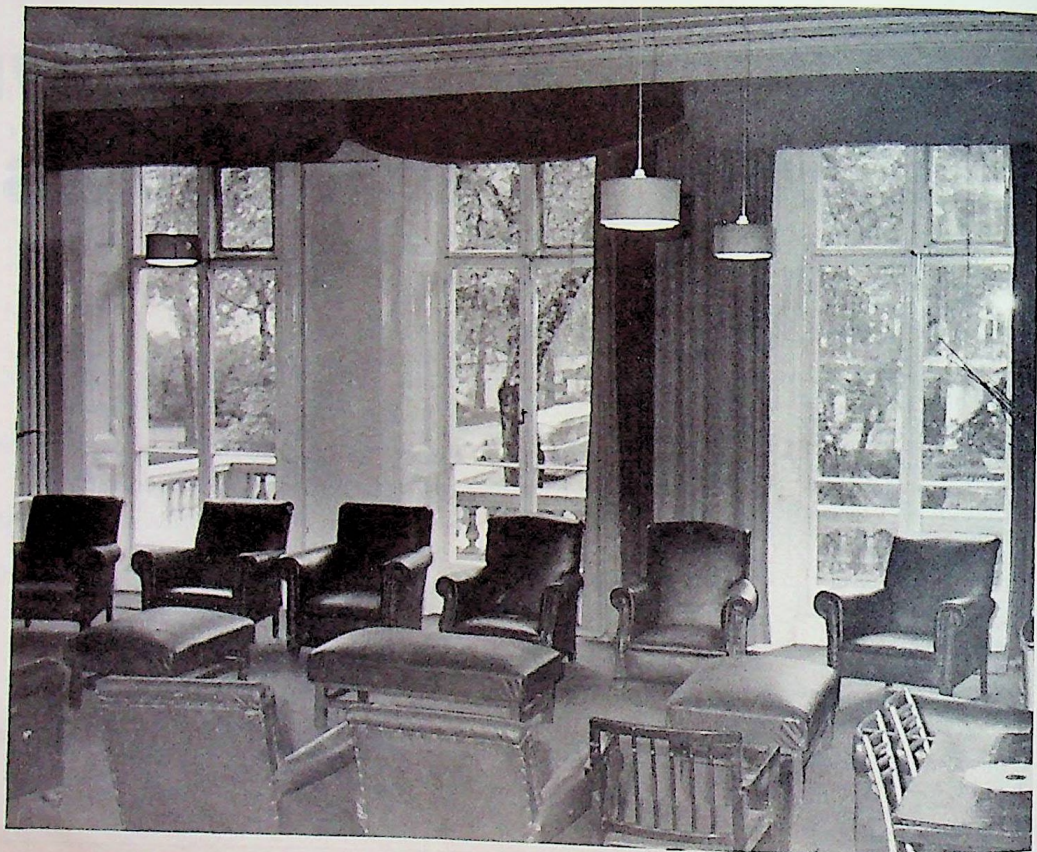
This year Mark II (Westminster) celebrates its fiftieth anniversary. Bill Brittan, the Warden, explains to Huw Gibbs how the Mark runs and his ambitions for the future.

A DIAMOND AT WESTMINSTER

To the left of the entrance of Mark II is a plaque commemorating the fact that Hugh Richard Arthur, 2nd Duke of Westminster, gave the house to Toc H in memory of his mother, a Vice-President. When Bill Brittan took over as Warden the inside could not have looked less like the stately home it once was. Plaster was ripped from the walls, new piping and plumbing equipment was strewn around, and most of the rooms were covered either in dust sheets or dust as an elaborate central heating installation wound itself around the interior. Only six Marksmen had stayed on. Two months later Bill began cleaning up the rooms. As each room was finished a new Marksman moved in.

Lounge

This presented an ideal situation to hand pick the men and Bill deliberately employed a policy of seeking those of mixed views and backgrounds who might have a contribution to make. Some came from a nearby school of English for foreign students; some wrote for residence from Harvard's handbook. Others were Spanish tourists who had seen it advertised in a tourist guidebook. Banks, government departments and large stores were encouraged to send staff needing accommodation. In this way the house was soon alive with activity and conversation. Commenting on this 'shake down' period, Bill reported, 'the situation always needs watching. But sometimes all that is required is to move someone from one bed to another!'



There are 40 people living there now but Bill has found time to think about his own role as Warden. After reading, questioning and listening he has drawn up a four point guide on the running of Mark II. 'I cannot say they are conclusions because the policy on Marks must be inconclusive in a rapidly changing society, and also my conceptions are based on Mark II only,' he stresses.

- 1 A Mark is a hostel
- 2 A hostel is a business
- 3 A business must be efficient
- 4 Strict catering rules must apply.

Elaborating on his methods Bill goes on to explain that in his experience only a handful of residents were in sympathy with Toc H principles when they arrived and the building's primary function up to that point had been to provide accommodation only. 'A Mark must make a profit, otherwise it will only be providing a service for those who can afford to pay their way.' He also believes that property should be an asset and not a drain on resources and that since every branch is urged to raise funds for the Family Purse the Mark should do the same. He interprets efficiency as a correct standard of behaviour and adherence to a set of simple rules necessary when men are living so close together.

'Whatever is done must be done properly. If a Mark is a hostel then let it be an efficient one. This is particularly so with hygiene and catering costs. Efficiency doesn't prevent, indeed it can assist. Christian principles being applied and practised.' Bill is quite philosophical in his approach to the Mark's community work. If when asked the Marksman's answer is 'no' then the job is not done. If the answer is 'yes' then Bill tries to decide whether the Marksman is willing only because he fears being turned out or whether the response is due to a genuine desire to engage in local service. 'It would appear that policy asks for an efficient hostel and Christian outreach. Together both can easily be done badly. And if either one is done well the other suffers. As I see it service is not for the glory of any individual or Toc H but for the glory of God. If this is the universal aim of Toc H then the question can be posed whether an atheist can work voluntarily for the glory of God? On the other hand if the effort comes from a genuine humanitarian motive then the work will be for the great ideal whether he accepts it or not.'

Bill believes that the Mark's community work is coupled with its duty to impart knowledge and experience to form a basis for leadership training in life. But admits that these two aims contribute to the biggest problem of every Mark—a genuine voluntary effort by Marksmen. 'If we apply the Toc H principles in terms of the two aims of a Mark then maybe certain conditions are necessary in order that they become more practical.

- 1 All Marksmen be Christian, in sympathy with Toc H and with time to be active in its work.
- 2 That conditions of entry be laid down at the outset and accepted.

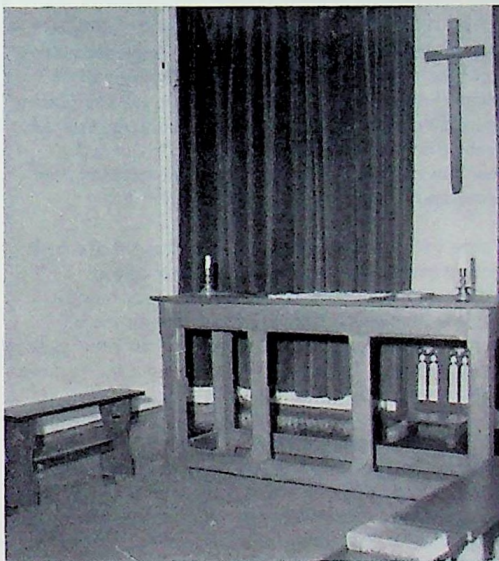
These conditions will undoubtedly improve the possibility of carrying out community work, but may prove an obstacle in the filling of beds!

The Westminster branch, which meets at the Mark, is growing, and includes six Marksmen. In the long term Bill believes that the adjoining property, which also belongs to Toc H, ought to be developed as a hostel for women which would add greatly to existing plans to involve the Mark more deeply in local life. Some Marksmen now help out at the Westminster Hospital and as time goes on this kind of activity will be extended.

Perhaps the best tribute to Mark II comes from Adrian Graves, one of the Marksmen. 'If something goes wrong or I'm ill, I could mope or lie in bed for a day in a flat and no one would know. At Toc H there's a warden to keep an eye on you and with whom you can discuss a problem. He will also dole out concrete, Disprins or get the vet! I would like to see anyone find a better or more friendly environment in which to live at a more reasonable rent!'

Which leads nicely to Bill Brittan's concluding remark, that 'it is vitally important that the soul of Toc H be expressed through and because of the House'.

Chapel



TALKING POINT

Eyes to see: ears to hear

Bob Knight

Why have the staff of the Midland Region and the Dor Knap Committee promoted the Cotswold Festival which was advertised on the back cover of last month's issue? Given fine weather and a sell-out, the family purse could benefit by a couple of hundred pounds. But that is incidental.

When we peer ahead, as John Trimmer did in *Point Three* last month, the first questions we must ask ourselves are what is it we are entrusted to transmit and by what methods was it conveyed to us?

First, look at those who fulfilled the Main Resolution of 1922. Barclay Baron, first editor of this magazine, was a master of words:

*So shine in us, our little love reproving,
That souls of men may kindle at the flame;
All the world's hatred, broken by our loving,
Shall bow to Love, thine everlasting name.*

From him also came the design of the lamp, and many a masque at a national festival.

Cheltenham branch, the first of them, laid down three priorities: never to miss the meeting if possible, sometimes to break into a song, and to share your sense of humour.

The penultimate chapter of Herbert Leggate's book of 1953, *The Tyranny of Words*, was headed, 'Not by words alone'. He wrote, 'Those early members believed that men could live in the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. They would not all have been able to put their beliefs in religious language but they knew that true religion was meant to give life . . . living in the spirit of the Gospel is another way of spreading it. It is indeed a necessary way.'

These with Tubby and others understood that the richest experiences of life will not yield to logical statements. Nor do those who excel in accurate explanations and definitions move men to their highest endeavours. Jesus taught mostly in parables: word pictures. Toc H in its first years did not neglect imagination and humour.

So I cannot agree with John Trimmer. Our future does not rest on deciding in which areas of need Toc H should be confined. This movement of the spirit cannot be limited to one or a few specific social needs. We are invited to discover a way of life. Toc H can take its place wherever voluntary participa-

tion is fundamental. The kind of society and the kind of human beings we believe God intends is the issue.

In voluntarily accepting the smallest degree of responsibility for the local or the wider community, a man is taking his first step in grace. We call behaviour 'gracious' when it has something about it which is more than need have been done. For Christians the grace of God is in His living among His own creation as one of us, on our terms. It need not have been done. To voluntarily accept responsibility is to behave graciously and brings us into unity with the divine. Jesus often said to someone, 'You are nearer to the kingdom of heaven than you think.'

Toc H exists to enable men and women of this and the next generation to make this discovery about their own potential, by accepting responsibility together for the needs we see, locally, nationally, or indeed internationally. Admittedly some can and will respond only to the local need. Amen to that, and amen if they stick with that. (So long as they don't faithfully saw up logs for pensioners who have moved into centrally heated flats.) When a member can inspire us to see a need on a larger scale, so much the better. If our resources are not large enough, then as on the local scene, we will stir up others to see it also. In this way we show our concern for the kind of society we are making, and indicate what any individual can do here and now, whatever the magnitude or complexity of the social need.

We are entrusted with this method. The important aspect for us is, 'not by words alone', and not even by voluntary social action alone.

An educational report¹ published in July about religious education in secondary schools included as one aim the capacity to explore music with a view to finding new insights into the nature of life.

Toc H had this capacity among the first generation of members. Music, dancing, poetry, drama, painting, and creative work in wood, stone or synthetic materials, are ways by which men have communicated what life meant to them. You have to have 'eyes to see and ears to hear'. Jesus warned his audience about that on several occasions. Without this they would not understand his parables.

That is why there is a Cotswold Festival. We can be better equipped to use the methods that have been entrusted to us with the next generation. Above all we will enjoy doing it, and that's the glory of it.

¹ *Religious Education in Secondary Schools*. Schools Council Working Paper. Evans/Methuen 59p

PERSONALITY POINT



Harry Oliver joined the ranks of the honorary staff in the South Western Area on April 1. A member since 1938, he has held office at branch, District and Area level. For over 20 years he has served as a Central Councillor and during that time has naturally accumulated a fund of knowledge that will stand him in good stead in his new task.

Harry was a member of Ilminster branch until 1968, when he transferred to Taunton. During the war he served as a radio instructor with the RAF. For the past 43 years he has worked for the GPO, mostly behind the counter. Accounts and clerical procedures are no strangers to Harry. His hobbies include gardening, bee-keeping, photography and bird watching. He is married and has two sons, both in the teaching profession.

Molly Oxenford, Yorkshire member of staff for seven years, has left our dark satanic hills to return to the warmer, flatter environments of Worthing, in her retirement.

We sadly miss Molly's very sincere and uplifting encouragement and we are left with a gap in our circles which will not close quickly.

Fairmindedness was a very strong point with Molly and although she was not as loquacious as some members of staff (let them be nameless) her words, always listened to most intently, were almost eloquent at times. It is quite depressing to think that she won't be around at our future gatherings, but we do understand her need for relaxation and a quiet time (which we hope she will get) and wish her a happy and healthy retirement and God speed.

Alice Keys



Left: Harry Oliver

Above: In centre Molly Oxenford

Obituary

We regret to announce the death of the following members:

In February: The Rev Cerwas J Chitty (Marches Area).

In March: Edna Taylor (Bingham).

In April: Alexander Thompson (Norwich), Evan T Watts (Griffithstown).

In May: Jane Cobbett (Dulwich), Sid J Foxwell (Dunton Green), Frederick Lambert (Denton), the Rev Richard W Tuesday (Southern Area), Doris L Verrell (West Wickham).

In June: Norman Barlow (Sale), Katherine Burgess (Norwich), Arthur D Mitchell (Hartley Wintney), Alfred Peary (Tottenham), Ernest A Shaw (North Nottingham).

We give thanks for their lives.

Letters

Pornography

Sherborne and Milborne Port branches held discussions following a showing of the Moral Re-armament Association film, *Freedom*. The subjects discussed were, among others, 'permissiveness' and 'pornography'. In considering these we had before us sermons by the Dean of Liverpool and the Bishop of Salisbury from the current *Great Saint Mary* series, and the report *Obscene Publications* issued by the Board for Social Responsibility of the General Synod of the Church of England. Our findings are as follows: We appreciate the inherent limitations and shortcomings in existing law and its current definitions of obscenity, and realise that attempts to implement it could give rise to undue publicity. However, we feel that more should be done to protect people from the unwanted intrusion of obscene matter and language. These are often blasphemous and quite needlessly foul and to most people are offensive, distressing, embarrassing and generally disgusting. We are particularly concerned with the increasing extent to which the public is unwillingly subjected to such matters by radio, television and cinemas. This also applies to bookstall displays, even by reputable firms, to newspapers, periodicals and books to be found among the general fiction in public libraries.

Without going to 'puritanical' extremes the general public, and a Movement such as ours, could do more by at least voicing its support for those who are concerning themselves with this problem and are pressing for a reasonable degree of protection from such offensiveness.

We hope that as a result of ventilating these views in *Point Three* our 'sideways leadership' will collaborate in the formulation and publicising of policy and action. (Or should we be addressing ourselves to a 'king pinhead', as Huw Gibbs might lead us to wonder—*Point Three*, May issue?)

Herbert Hargreave Sherborne

Protest

I wish to register a protest about the article in your May issue entitled 'The Mystery Tour'. A warning should have been printed at the top that it is not suitable for reading on the train. I unwittingly made this mistake and found myself in the embarrassing situation of giggling in a railway carriage full of suburban commuters. Only someone who has been similarly placed can know how shattering this experience can be. Please ensure that this does not happen again.

Nancy Griffiths Croydon, Surrey

Pipe Dream?

Toc H wealthy! Additional income of £50,000 annually! Widespread national press and television publicity, free! A pipe dream? No, a possibility.

Some years ago a group of young people hit on an idea for raising money for charity, and raised a considerable sum. The idea has now been taken up by many adults, and two and a half million pounds were gained last year for welfare projects, in only four hours.

The scheme is so simple. One morning's work once a year, for Toc H, by Toc H. Members who normally work on a Saturday morning do so as usual. (Many employers, having seen the advance publicity, might pay greatly increased wages for that half day.) Members who do not normally work on Saturdays persuade their employers to allow them to do so, or look for a morning's work elsewhere. And those who no longer work, again as a result of the advance publicity, find themselves a job suited to their abilities. All this on one and the same morning, and all earnings for that morning to go to Toc H.

If just 50 or 60 per cent of the Toc H membership only earned an average of £2 each (and let's hope it would be more) we could earn as much as £50,000.

Do you remember the wonderful publicity first given to the Scouts' bob-a-job week, by press, radio and TV? Surely good press and publicity officers could do just as well on behalf of Toc H.

In which country did this scheme first take place? In the USSR. Its name? 'Subbortnik', meaning 'Saturday's Little Ones'—the name given to the youngsters who initiated this voluntary effort. The name has a pleasant, and unusual, ring to it. Could we not adopt this scheme nationally, and call it 'The Subbortnik' with the sub-title 'A Little Saturday Time for Toc H' (or something similar)?

It would require an awful lot of initial organising, but could be well worth the effort! I have discussed this with Northiam branch, who suggest I publicise the idea in *Point Three*.

Charles Partleton Northiam, Sussex

COFF-IN

A reliable source has reported that a branch member reporting on local activities claimed that one job entailed 'turning over the old sods in the churchyard'.

Welcome Point

The following new branches were formally recognised by the Central Executive at its June meeting: Walsall (w), Washington (j).

The following branches elected new members during the month:

4-Bingham (m).

3-Dolgellau (m), Glen Parva (w), Nairn (j), Ormesby (j).

2-Accrington (j), Bridlington (m), Central (j), Corsham (m), Kennington (London) (m), Mochdre (j), Pocklington Court (j), Tunbridge Wells (m).

1-Carlisle (m), Carlisle (w), Chalfont St Giles (w), Chirk (m), Conway (m), Dunton Green (m), Exmouth (m), Fulney (w), Hainault (j), Holme Valley (w), Northern Area, Okehampton (w), Parkstone (w), Portmadoc (m), Rochdale (w), Southborough (m), Southport (j), Stamford (m), Sussex Area, Washington (j), Wellingborough (m), Welshpool (m), Wem (j), West Kirby Beacon (m), Wolverhampton (w).

We extend a warm welcome to the 57 new members.

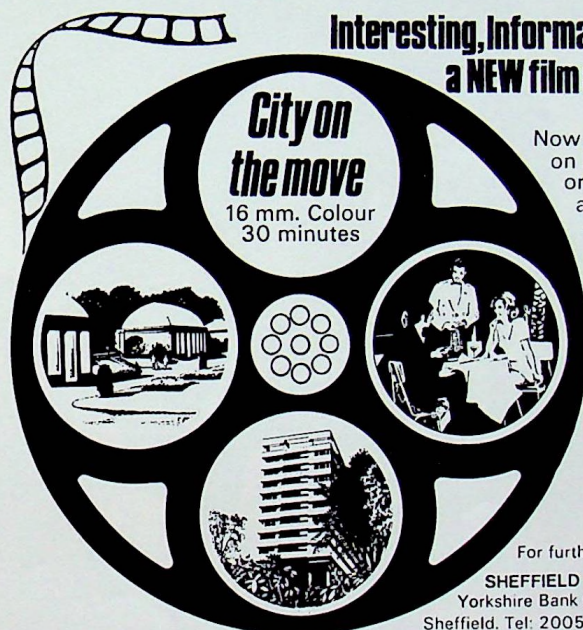
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Continuing our series on community service by young people, we are happy to publish an article on the work of the Association of Jewish Youth by the AJY's Training and Development Officer, Sidney Bunt.



A new approach to youth work

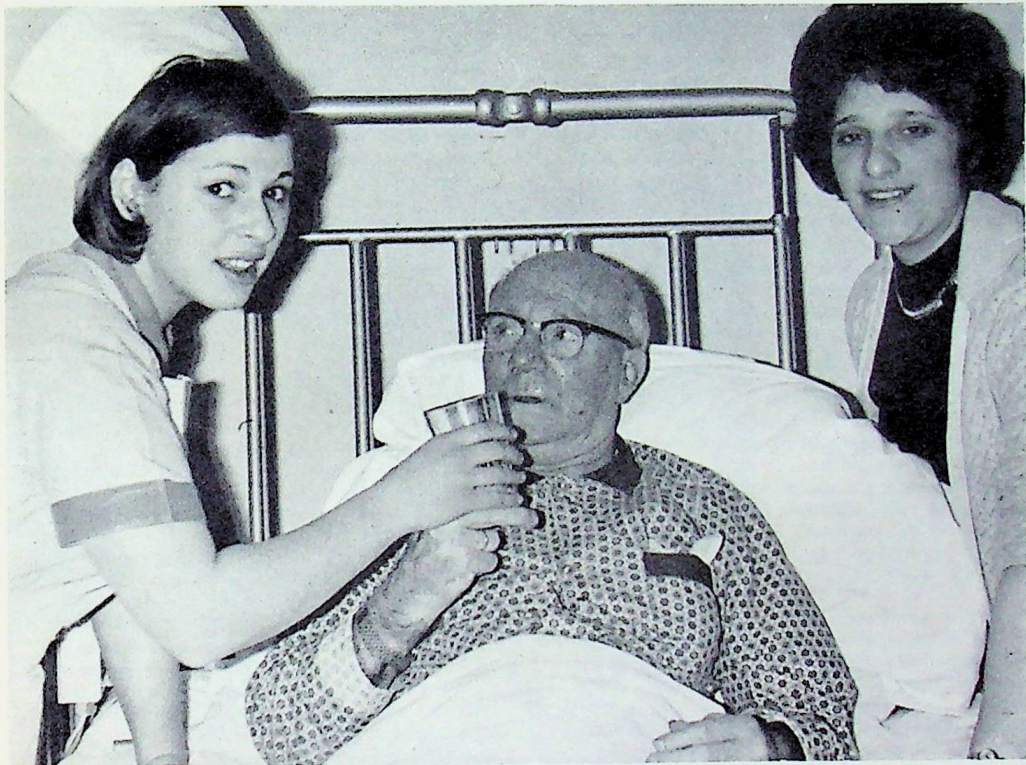
The main justification for the existence of the Association for Jewish Youth is that it can offer services to its affiliated clubs that they cannot obtain from other organisations. Indeed, this was the chief reason moving its founders in 1899, when they formed the Jewish Athletic Association. Jewish youth organisations, mostly boys' clubs, were established in the East End of London where the first waves of immigrants from Europe had settled. Although these Clubs affiliated to the London Federation of Working Lads' Clubs and the London Union of Girls' Clubs, members were unable to participate in sports activities for observant Jews, activities on Saturday were a desecration of the Jewish Sabbath. The Jewish Athletic Association came into being, therefore, to provide Sunday leagues in which Jewish clubs could take part. This was later extended to include other than sporting activities and, in 1926, the JAA became the Association for Jewish Youth. Then, as now, the AJY saw its purpose as supplementing the work of the existing youth movements, not duplicating their activities. Indeed, Jewish clubs affiliated to AJY are encouraged to play a part in the County Federations of the NABC and NAYC with both of which AJY has a close and cordial relationship.

It has been said that, if the task at the end of the last century was to 'Anglicise' children of Jewish immigrants, today—with that no longer a problem—the need is to 'Judaize'; it is the implementation of the 'J' in AJY that concerns many of the adults who now serve the Association voluntarily, as members of the various committees or professionally, as leaders. To help achieve this, a Religious Director works from the AJY central office in Henriques Street, East London, with a committee composed of representatives of all sections of religious belief.

The attitude of the Anglo-Jewish community towards provision for its young people is necessarily and painfully ambivalent. On the one hand, there is the desire to encourage young people, who are both British and Jewish, to be fully integrated members of their local communities; on the other, and in order to prevent assimilation from proceeding at such a pace that Jewish values and practices would wither and disappear, AJY offers Jewish youth a programme

Left: Jewish volunteers helping a disabled ex-serviceman during a day's outing in Manchester. Photo: Ralph Frumin

Below: At Christmas the Jewish community as a whole and not just JYVS help out in hospitals in order to release Christian staff for the holiday. Photo: Jewish Chronicle



A new approach to youth work continued

which emphasises the differences involved in Jewishness, and stimulates a desire to preserve those qualities.

The first of these two aims is comparatively easy to achieve; it is in the second that the difficulties are mostly found.

The temptation to cast off one's Jewishness, or by inertia to allow it to atrophy, is greatest for those young people who live in the small communities, out of the mainstream of Jewish settlement and life. (It has been argued that the reverse is true; that where Jewish life is highly organised, as for example in Manchester or parts of north-west London, the lure of assimilation is strongest. But Jewish communal leaders are especially concerned about the social, religious and psychological problems of those Jews who are, geographically speaking, isolated from their co-religionists.) Most of the AJY's work is for young people living in the area traditionally favoured by Jews, but because of the isolated minority, some experimental projects have been initiated to strengthen the ties with them.

Numerically, much of the strength of the AJY is in London and the South of England although some clubs are located in a number of the larger northern cities, and wherever there are Jewish communities. The majority of the one hundred and twenty clubs affiliated to AJY are based on or closely associated with Synagogues and are led by part-time workers; but there are a number of larger, purpose-built centres, notably in London, Leeds, Liverpool and Manchester, which do have full time workers. Although AJY is the largest Jewish youth movement in Britain, there are a number of smaller movements which have purpose-built youth centres in the larger Jewish areas.

AJY does its best to play a full part in the thinking and activity of the wider Youth Service, and experiments with new methods of working.

One of the most successful, experimental projects is the Jewish Youth Voluntary Service (JYVS). This was started in 1962, ostensibly as a means of helping Jewish youth to give voluntary community service to any organisation or individual, Jew or Gentile, who may be in need. The underlying purpose, however, is to further the personal development and maturation of the young volunteers, through the medium of small groups whose purpose happened to be community service.

Over 2,000 young people have joined JYVS in the nine years since its inception. An unknown but

substantial number of others prefer not to enrol, but turn out to help when called on. There are 27 groups throughout London and the larger, provincial Jewish communities. The leaders are people who work from their own homes and they include doctors, teachers, social workers, rabbis, and a growing number of former JYVS members who have grown into leadership roles. New groups are formed only when the leadership has been secured; often the appointed leader will withdraw after the group has been formed and given the impetus to give it a good start, and a member of the group will take over. Training is offered to such leaders as well as to those professional men and women from other disciplines.

The motive of members who join JYVS, as they themselves usually admit, is mainly satisfaction of social needs. But the idea of doing this while engaged in activities seen by the members as 'worth-while' or 'unselfish' seems to have an appeal for many. Within the groups, however, the leaders keep constantly in mind the need to provide opportunities for fruitful social intercourse as well as work in the local community. A striking example of this was a fortnight's Work Camp in central France attended by 24 JYVS members. Most of the participants had doubts about the value of the very hard work they undertook; all were agreed, however, that the experience was not only enjoyable but 'demanding' and 'educational'. Many less ambitious but equally extending activities are available for members of JYVS groups.

The JYVS scheme demonstrates the immense potentialities of 'extra-mural' youth work as an alternative to the more traditional, club-based work of the AJY. While the idea was at first thought to be an expedient, it is now felt that definable and positive advantages are to be found in youth work conducted in this way which are sometimes lost to those engaging in other approaches. While the Youth Service is undergoing a period of agonising reappraisal and searching self-examination, there may be a clue here of wider interest than for the minority Jewish community where these particular projects originated.

The AJY was created mainly to provide sports activities. As its horizons broadened, so did its programme. Today the AJY still provides a very large programme of competitive sports and cultural activities. But it is becoming increasingly recognised that, although these events still command strong support, the far-reaching social changes of recent years must cause the emphasis in the future to be placed firmly on activities directed at the social education of Jewish young people.

NEWSPOINT

BOMBAY'S MIXTURE

George Davis

In the course of a recent short business visit to Bombay I managed to meet some of the Toc H members there, first at the start of one regular Monday meeting of the Bombay Fort Group and then at the end of the next week's meeting of the same unit. The commitments of my tour prevented me attending the whole of either meeting so I met less than half those attending; but what a variety they were!

Noel Paul, a Punjabi from the north west, a student counsellor at the University of Bombay. Cyril Pasgon of Bombay, the old stalwart of Bombay Toc H and self-employed in the

pharmaceuticals trade. Sam Balraj, from the south in Tamil Nadu, actually from Dindigul, the tobacco centre, working in Burmah-Shell. Martin Collins, a Gujarati from the State north of Bombay, employed in Western Railways. Joy Oomen (yes, a man) from Kerala State, the Communist State at the south west corner of India, an engineer working with an Indian associate of Hawker Siddeley. Jocelyn Thangiah from the extreme south in Tirunelveli working in Burmah-Shell. Sammy Johns from Kanyakumari State, the very tip of India in the south, and now in Unichem

Labs, Bombay. Lal, Sang Liana, a Mizo from the extreme east of India (the first of his race I've ever met in 42 years' association with India) now employed in the Mazagaon Docks, Bombay. Max Reading of Guelph, Ontario, previously one of the trustees of Toc H in Eastern Canada, now in charge of the Foseco engineering group's operation in India.

In terms of language and geography the equivalent in Europe would include members from Lithuania, Italy, France, Spain, Holland and Britain. Toc H may be small in India but what a wonderful mixture.

Although Greenford women's branch closed down about ten years ago the members still manage to stay together to arrange quarterly meetings. They also run the 'household stall' at the spring market in aid of Ealing old people's home. This year the Mayor of Ealing chose Toc H's stall as the most attractive in a new competition and the shield he presented will be held by the women of Greenford for a year. Dedication like this deserves its own reward and maybe Greenford branch will one day soon rise again to take its place in local community work.

Photo: Middlesex County Times



Clare Castle Visited

Vi Gatfield

Point Three Correspondent

Members of Clacton Afternoon branch decided to go exploring on Whitsun Tuesday instead of holding their weekly meeting. The children were on holiday, the day was warm and sunny and we had booked the minibus. We had heard that there was a future project to dig out the moat of Clare Castle near Sudbury next September and also in March '72, so thought it sounded worth investigating, and we set off in high spirits. We are fortunate to have 'Bobbie' Hockley, a very capable driver, among our members, and about an hour's run through delightfully fresh green and sun-drenched scenery brought us to the spot. While we were debating whether we had arrived at the right place, the warden and a couple of his helpers appeared and were able to explain the mammoth task they had undertaken. 20 acres of ground to clear and preserve, and no mechanical aids, and as fast as the nettles, etc, were scythed down, somehow they sprang up again!

VOLUNTEERS HELP WITH TULIP FESTIVAL

South Lincolnshire District once again took an active part in the annual Tulip Festival in Spalding. Local members were assisted by a group of young people from Birmingham and this account of the weekend is reprinted from the Midland Region Volunteer Newsletter.

On the Friday evening we set out in a hired minibus. Ten of us and only an hour and a half (or so) late; that was before we ran out of petrol! Two hours later we were on the road again looking for the eleventh member of the group whom we should have picked up by the road side at least three hours earlier. The major trouble was that we knew roughly in which five square miles we should have collected him but no more details except that it was at a cross roads. After having run a very good taxi service for various hitch hikers and paid a courtesy call to each junction we decided that the ten of us would just have to press on.

The disused church was very warm and bright, thanks to our hosts at West Pinchbeck, and after a few gallons of coffee and some food we settled down on the floor for a good three hours' sleep.

The following morning saw us fulfilling all our childhood dreams splashing through numerous puddles and pulling off the heads of hundreds of tulips. We were then rather surprised to see our eleventh member walk into the field to join us. What a show of initiative, as none of the rest of us had a clue where we were, apart from the fact that we were miles from West Pinchbeck and from Spalding.

When we arrived at the festival ground at Spalding a truly magnificent sight greeted us; the most beautiful floats we'd ever seen all made up of thousands of tulip heads, and there, right in the foreground, the Toc H Swan, resplendent in its plumage of unadulterated white.

Work then began in earnest. We were there to make and sell as many tulip garlands as possible in order to help out South Lines District in their effort to raise money for Toc H (this year they had been kind enough to promise half of the profits to the project fund). Taking four foot lengths of string we threaded on as

many tulips as possible while others of us trimmed the stalks right down, and the rest sold the finished garlands. This was perhaps slightly monotonous work but the fellowship between the group and the Toc H members was so good that we all really enjoyed it.

It was quite upsetting when we had to leave on Sunday afternoon but commitments made it necessary and as we left we all swore that we never wanted to see another tulip-till next year!

At the end of play on Sunday, the demand for garlands was far greater than the supply. The sum of £185 had been raised but modest expenses had to be deducted. It was a truly fantastic time and we all enjoyed it, and being the first weekend project of the year we were very pleased at its success.

No age gap at Dor Knap

Ethel Davey
Point Three Correspondent

Dor Knap, in the Cotswolds, is 'the place that likes to be visited'. It is certainly a place to which Toc H folk want to return. Recently a group of about 30 people from South Wales, ages ranging from 20 to 80, met there to discuss, under the leadership of Dorothy and George Atkinson, the place of projects in the scheme of Toc H. At first the perpetual age gap loomed, but there was a new slant, comforting to the older section at least. It was admitted that young and old can and should work together on these more active schemes, calling equally on each other for the help required. Different age groups have always had different ideas as to how the Christian way of life should be worked out, but the happy service each gave to the other may, we hope, be a good omen for closer co-operation in the future.

Towering above its makers the Toc H swan halts to give its 'pullers' a moment's breather. Toc H is a regular contributor to this spectacular annual event and this year their ingenuity has surpassed all previous efforts.



Their first ever holiday

It is hard for some of us to believe that there are still children in these days who have never enjoyed a holiday by the seaside. Barkingside branch in Essex have been able to send 12 children to Cliftonville for their first-ever seaside holiday. The money was raised through a jumble sale and a day long Christmas carol collection. Transport was provided in the branch coach which was purchased last year as a result of various fund-raising activities.

Former members help with outing

Several former members of Toc H in Northampton responded to an appeal for help with the annual outing for the handicapped. Altogether 30 cars took part, and the cavalcade was led by the Mayor and Mayoress of Northampton.

Rushden's café chantant

Rushden Royal women's branch held a guest night with a difference. About 125 people attended the event, which was billed as a *café chantant*. Among the singers were the local amateur operatic society and members of the host branch, appearing under the name the 'Roaring Royals'. The evening was in aid of the Family Purse.

Three generations

There can't be many branches which have among their members three generations of the same family, but St John's, Tunbridge Wells, women's branch (of 22 members) does. The three are Edith Parkes, her daughter, Peggy Simpson, who is branch secretary, and her grand-daughter, 28 year old Pauline Till, who is the Pilot.

Past members at reunion

Twenty four former members of Netherton branch attended a reunion held earlier this year and the evening was felt to be a great success. Finding names and addresses involved a lot of research. A total of 51 names were traced, going right back to the formation of the branch in 1933. Current addresses were found for all but eight of these and messages of greeting were received from most of those unable to be present, including one message all the way from Australia.

Charity Shop success

From Dartmouth branch

The Charity shop opened in April, 1970, under an archway in the old part of Dartmouth market. It is hardly one's idea of a shop as it is just an enclosed space, with a flap which forms a counter.

With a trestle table and plenty of boxes and hanging lines we are able to display the various items that the public kindly bring us. These include anything from chairs to cutlery, china and jewellery, not excluding clothing and kitchen ware. Some people specify that the proceeds from their

goods go to certain charities. They are entered in a book and sent off when the amount is worthwhile. To the end of December, 1970, the gross income was £832.19. Toc H and 16 other charities have benefited. At the end of the year we have £500 to our credit. We realise that if we can continue this increase, we can make a substantial donation to a possible Old Folks' home, which is badly needed in Dartmouth, or to a geriatric ward adjoining the hospital. The charity shop is open every Tuesday and Friday morning.

32 YEARS ON THE TROLLEY

Mrs Maud Hayes of Newton Abbot women's branch, in Devon, has completed 32 years' service with the library trolley at Newton Abbot hospital. She initiated the library service in March 1939 in co-operation with the wife of the then vicar of Kingsteignton. Some seven years later she became a founder member of Newton Abbot Toc H branch, which took over responsibility for the service. Mrs Hayes continues to push her trolley round the hospital wards, with

the help of another branch member, every Monday. Comments the *Mid-Devon Advertiser*: 'The cheery approach of Mrs Hayes and her helper must be one of the week's highlights for many a patient.'

The Gordon Bulgarian Folk Dancers were a colourful highspot at the Toc H Thames and Darenth District Spring Fayre. The Mayor, Councillor Alan Salway, performed the opening ceremony. Photo: Kentish Times



Variety to ...

Getting laughs and making good music was one of the objects in Harefield branch's 'Variety Night' talent contest. The winners were this Country & Western group, Rob Dade, Peter Knife and Rod Brook.

Chris Bonehill, branch publicity officer, said afterwards, 'the evening went extremely well and the audience participation was marvellous'.

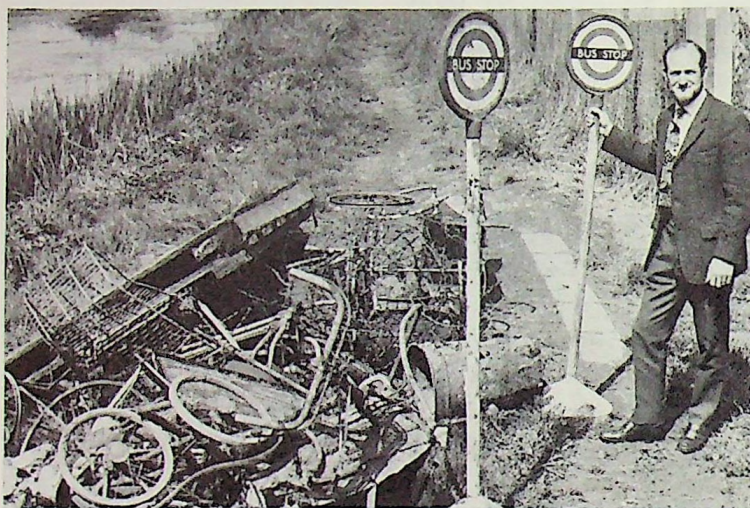
Photo: Middlesex County Press



Vandalism

Prize catch of the day, when Slough members helped to clear the local canal of years of accumulated rubbish, were these two modern bus stop signs. The haul also included prams, parts of motor cycles, a garden gate, house doors, a supermarket trolley, a fighter-pilot's oxygen mask (how did that get in there?) and a fork lift truck pallet that took four men to lift. Mike Timms, Press officer of the Slough Canal Group, shown in the picture is hoping for a donation from the bus company for the return of the signs which are worth £10 each.

Photo: Slough Observer



ABBEY GUIDES

Members of the Westminster branch and Marksmen from Mark II volunteered to act as guides at Westminster Abbey on Wednesday evenings during July. The Dean, writing in the *Daily Telegraph*, estimated that six million people will visit the Abbey this year and by 1975 it will probably be eight million. 'My Chapter and I are determined to continue for as long as we possibly can our Benedictine tradition of welcome to all who come. We are introducing a whole series of measures to improve the facilities we can offer and to make conditions in the Abbey more comfortable.' He reports that the voluntary guides will enable them to stay open later and offer free admission to the Royal Chapels.

Crutched Friars becomes Project Centre

Crutched Friars House, formerly the headquarters of the Women's Association on Tower Hill, is being increasingly used by groups of all kinds. In particular, it is being developed as a project centre. Says John Burgess, a member of the South Eastern Regional staff and warden of the house: 'We had a week's project based on the house over Easter, where a dozen youngsters slept on the floor in sleeping bags, cooking their own meals, and did some valuable work in the East End. The house has been used for training weekends, for youth conferences and as a meeting place where project leaders can brief their volunteers. It has also been used for overnight stops for volunteers passing through London on their way to and from projects, and as a centre for weekends in London for young people from other Regions.'

In addition the comfortable and attractive Macfie Room on the ground floor is used regularly by the EC & Tower Hill women's branch and by the Tower Hill group, as well as for meetings of leaders from different parts of the Region. The room is also used for the weekly meetings of the music club, and the monthly meetings of the poetry club, both of which are organised by members of the headquarters staff and draw in people who work in the neighbourhood.

In these and other ways Crutched Friars House continues to be an active and welcoming Toc H centre on Tower Hill.

SQUARE ONE

To build Toc H solely as a society for men would be to put the clock back hopelessly. I do not think that God intended this. It would no doubt be easier but ease is no indication of His will.

Tubby, Toc H Journal, December 1927

Our very own pillar box

Harry Long

The Toc H symbol is daily becoming familiar to hundreds in Norwich and the rest of Norfolk.

It is prominently displayed on a rather special pillar box which has appeared in a small rose garden in the city centre beside a very well-used pedestrian way linking the Theatre Royal, Assembly House, Central Library, City Hall and the central car park (see this month's cover picture).

The lettering on the front makes it clear that it has been placed there by Norwich District Toc H to collect magazines and used postage and trading stamps for the benefit of Norfolk charities.

The symbol, boldly displayed in orange and white, attracts a great deal of attention. It really does stop people in their tracks. Toc H members see it happening every day.

Though the badge is new the pillar box is a Norwich Toc H veteran. It was used for many years outside the old Norfolk County Library on the other side of the central area to collect magazines for the hospital—an early Norwich Toc H enterprise.

A pleasing feature of the whole project was the friendly help of the chief librarian, Mr Philip Hepworth, and of the City Planning Department in getting the box so well sited.

Burlington Berties from Broadstairs

Visitors to Broadstairs may have been surprised to see the Toc H rooms there being invaded by some scruffy looking tramps—others may have thought, a little unkindly, that this was nothing unusual for Toc H. But there was no need for panic or defumigation because this unsightly bunch of squatters, complete with newspaper tablecloth and 'jerry' are members of the men's and women's branches enjoying their tramp supper. It is good occasionally for branches to let their hair down and organise a rave-up just for the fun of it, and this one certainly made the local heads turn.

Photo: East Kent Times.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA WORK WITH MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY PATIENTS

A letter from Mrs Ena Smith, of Palmyra, Western Australia, tells us that Toc H there has recently become interested in work with patients suffering from muscular dystrophy, and has been able to interest a number of young people in this undertaking. 'Two or three young people whose parents are members,' she writes, 'have visited the boys at the Lucy Creeth Centre, where muscular dystrophy cases are treated. They have just finished painting and redecorating the music room. The boys love music of all kinds and had quite definite ideas about a colour scheme for the room.'



Faces at headquarters — five

Private lives are more important than public relations

Huw Gibbs



Huw Gibbs



Ken Prideaux-Brune



Ken Rogers

Many public relations pundits have added their own wise counsel to the steadily growing pile of confusing literature about the essential job of 'reputation building', and we are no exception. Hanging over this office like a double sword of Damocles (he must have been a PRO) are the truisms—Don't talk about yourselves, that will be done when you leave—and—This place is like a wheelbarrow, you have to push it to make it go.

I think it a pity that public relations in commercial undertakings is now so closely geared to profit motives that the area of concern for sincere relationships, upon which public relations was born, is largely discarded in favour of the troublefree package deal to build brand loyalty. Because a charity asks most from those who are never likely to benefit, it is important that a deliberate plan is undertaken to build two-way mutual understanding, goodwill and a reputation for honest dealing. Half of the industrial disputes are caused by bad application of the techniques of communication and might have been avoided if more PRO's re-aligned themselves to a genuine concern for this area of 'personal reliability'.

Since you cannot decide not to have public relations in the way that you can decide not to advertise it stands to reason that you should get the best advice you can afford, and having got it—use it! A major part of the work in any PR office is building contacts with press, radio and television. News media demand news, an all too obvious fact often ignored by many struggling for column inches. If valuable information is to be passed to a grateful national news media it must be fresh, factual and fancy free. To ensure this the PR office must feel confident that it resides at the centre of all incoming and outgoing information. You cannot expect results from a communicator if after appointing the luckless individual you then assume that you are absolved of any responsibility to communicate. You are making the news. The PR people must be told and trusted to do what is right—to maximise or minimise. If that's not possible then sack him and get someone you can trust! But the office must be told.

A PR office concerning itself with items other than publicity is a novel idea to Toc H, but one which I think will begin to have profound effects on our public standing in a few years if we adopt the right attitudes now. There is an enormous amount of work and dedication which reaches us late, incomplete or is lost. We believe that a lot of this is national media material and ought to be passed swiftly through to the office in time to be offered as up-to-date examples of what Toc H is doing. Oddly enough in a Movement such as ours, private lives are more important than public relations. We are all responsible for the reputation of Toc H in everything that we do. Our job at headquarters is to be accessible, to offer advice and on-the-spot help when needed, to train members in local communication techniques. Every District should by now have appointed a magazine correspondent or someone to do the wider job of reputation building among the branches and public.

When we reach a state where the majority of people can adequately explain what Toc H is all about, and furthermore, be prepared to associate themselves in some way with our work, then you could say we were enjoying good public relations. The only way to compel people to speak good of Toc H is to go out and do it.

Ken Prideaux-Brune has worked for Toc H wearing a number of different hats over the past 14 years. He joined the staff after leaving Oxford with an MA in History and immediately became involved in the formation of the Clayton Volunteers. There was some opposition to the idea at the time, mainly from those who insisted that English volunteers would be butchered in the USA. Controversy seems to be a handmaiden to the work of KPB, perhaps due to his two summers serving as Tubby's ADC! After building up the Winant & Clayton scheme he became interested in Toc H school work, working with 'Tosher' Elliot and Alan Hill. About this time projects started with 'Tosher' saying 'it's no good just talking to schools they must experience Toc H for themselves'. The idea of Mobile Action and Volunteer groups gathered



Cynthia Francis

strength when John Mitchell and Jenny (Day) Dessauer joined the team, and again controversy erupted, this time from what some members referred to as 'real Toc H'. Ken recalls that talking about projects at staff conferences usually meant taking 'your life in your hands'. Ken began editing *New Forum* with Tom Gulliver and at the beginning of 1968 was joined by Huw Gibbs for the launch of *Point Three* magazine, involving himself in what may well turn out to be the most significant change in a decade.

He is also Secretary to the PM Club, started by Alec Churcher for boys in the catering trade. He attends Central Executive and Planning Committee meetings.

In any spare time that is left Ken likes poetry and 'may occasionally be seen to hit a golf ball in the wrong direction'. During the past two years he has helped to establish a new project at Tulse Hill called Centre '70. This is an interdenominational venture which aims to provide a wide variety of community help facilities. Playing a prominent part is Sally Winter, one of the first Clayton Volunteers in 1959, now a medical social worker.

Ken lives at Dulwich, is married with two children.

Skegg Blanchard has just completed 25 years on the staff. When he joined it was as a telephonist but he soon became involved by degrees in publications and despatch work. Now he runs the publications office supplying everything from a lapel badge to complete exhibition kits. During the war he was a mobilising officer for the Fire Brigade and recalled that he was once machined gunned while fighting a fire. He is now a General member but has belonged to several branches, the last being the old Westminster branch which met at St Martin-in-the-Fields.

Skegg is a keen photographer and may be seen at Central Council weekends taking shots of newcomers for *Point Three* Magazine. For the past 20 years he has been a member of the British Red Cross, and was



Skegg Blanchard



Chris Granger Evans

Commandant for the City of Westminster where he now lives. He is also interested in the theory of electronics. During the summer months Skegg organises parties to Talbot House, Poperinge, a service which he has run every year since 1965. Last year he was courier for over 100 people in three trips.

Cynthia Francis strictly speaking does not work in the public relations office, but as receptionist/telephonist she is very often in the front line of reputation building for the Movement. At 17 she is the youngest member of staff and is Gilbert Francis' only daughter, sharing the household with four brothers.

Cynthia was educated at Maidstone Grammar School and Bromley High School, and enjoys music, taking a keen interest in the 'pop' style. She became engaged a few months ago and plans to marry in May.

Huw Gibbs joined the staff in 1967 after seeing an advertisement in the journalists' trade press for an Editor. Six months later he helped to launch *Point Three* magazine, and looking back over that period applauds the decision to appoint an Editor who knew something about Toc H. After nearly four years Huw claims he is still trying to find out! He is now a General member.

Huw started his working life the hard way, as a copy boy with *Modern Woman* magazine wrapping parcels and making a profit on jugs of luke warm tea. Later he went to Reuters and discovered Fleet Street journalism. A number of years were spent accumulating experience in sales promotion, advertising, typography and freelance copywriting before specialising in company communications and house magazines. He was appointed Public Relations Secretary last November and is mainly responsible for introducing the new symbol and corporate identity ideas for Toc H. He is a member of the Institute of Journalists and the British Association of Industrial Editors. For the past two years he has taken an active part in launching a study group for charity PRO's and particularly those who are new to public relations.

For hobbies he likes to read about administration and communication ideas. He enjoys driving and gardening, but confesses that the latter doesn't like him very much. For 13 years he studied judo before advancing age and multiple bruising convinced him that he should retire gracefully while still on his feet. He is 36 years old, married with two children and lives at Streatham.

Ken Rogers During the time that Ken has been in charge of appeals he has managed campaigns netting half a million pounds for Toc H. He was appointed Bursar in 1948, after 21 years as Appeals Secretary for various hospitals in London. Within three months of taking on the job he organised a Radio Appeal and collected £5,000.

During the past 23 years Ken has organised eight BBC appeals, 17 dramatic productions by the Stock Exchange Dramatic and Operatic Society and three 'Painting for Pleasure' exhibitions in which well known artists were encouraged to display their work for charity. At the time the idea was original but it is now over done so much that artists are not inclined to co-operate.

Ken lives at Eltham and likes gardening. He is also a Methodist local preacher. For eight years he ran the Youth Club at New Cross. He is married with one daughter who is now a teacher at Derby. In 1963 he was sworn in as a Justice of the Peace at Tower Hill Magistrates' Court.

Chris Granger Evans The list of fortunate people who have come under the ever watchful secretarial eye of Chris reads like a *Who's Who* in Toc H. During her 19 years she has worked for Randal Macdonald, Herbert Leggate, Norman Motley, Barclay Baron, Jim Davies, George Davis, John Callf and Bob Knight. Now as secretary to the Public Relations Office she handles an enormous amount of detail concerned with the magazine, press relations and publicity.

Before coming to Toc H she was secretary to a Producer of BBC overseas variety. When she needed to 'get away from the hectic though very enjoyable atmosphere for some peace and quiet' she became an unskilled labourer at Kew Gardens earning £2.50 a week. After 2½ years she was sufficiently skilled to secure a job as under gardener at Pusey House, Berks, the stately home of Mr and Mrs Michael Hornby. She later spent 4½ years as stage manager at the Whitehall Theatre.

She was born at Willesden Green but now lives at Bromley, Kent. Her hobbies are home decorating and, in spite of it all, gardening.

The Religionless Church

Kitty Dingwall

Perhaps this should be called 'churchless religion' because many present day ministers of different denominations are considering the not too distant future when the church as a building will cease to exist.

Instead there will be 'house churches' on the cell system, so that when the group becomes too big, it will divide and draw others in to join it. This is a return to the days of the first apostles, when there were no churches as such. At that time Christians met, as instructed by Christ, to hear the apostles teach, to share the common life, to break bread and to pray.

Already there is a return to the Ministry of Healing, acting again on Christ's orders—to heal the sick, feed the poor and care for the widows and orphans. We have hospital chaplains, Samaritans, worker-priests, missionary societies, Christian Aid and many other organisations such as Toc H, who carry out this Christian work.

Some religious leaders are endeavouring to maintain or increase their congregations by introducing gimmicks into their services. These can be quite good, and who are we to condemn a pop group in church when we read that David danced before the Lord and praised Him with singing, harps, trumpets, cymbals, lutes and tambourines.

When the Russian spacemen inform us that there is no 'God up there', a few years after John Robinson had said the same thing, we are bound to rethink the basis of our faith. Practically no adult DID imagine God as an old gentleman up in the sky watching all we do, but there is no denying that there is a Power within and around us which for want of a better term we call 'God', and that Jesus was His Son and taught us about Him.

Look around your branch and see what percentage of your members attends a place of worship regularly (other than the requisite three times a year!). Look again and see how many of them show the love of Christ in their daily lives, and then consider whether churchless religion is not already a fact in our organisation.

This state of affairs may satisfy us who are adult but what of the children? If there is no church there will be no Sunday School. There is a rapidly diminishing number of church day schools left and religious instruction is not favoured by many comprehensive schools. How then are the young ones to learn about God if they are brought up in a home where the only mention of His name is an oath?

This is going to be a growing problem of the future. It is said that Christians are *Elected* by baptism but *Selected* when they attend church of their own free will. God chooses us, we do not choose Him. Let us pray that He continues to do so.

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